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SUBJ: VISIT OF PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY DELEGATION

REF: (A) BUDAPEST 1026; (B) USUN 1208;
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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MFA AMERICAN DESK OFFICER APRIL 25 TO EXPRESS U.S. CONCERN OVER VISIT AT HUNGARIAN INVITATION OF PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY DELEGATION. OUTLINED U.S. POSITION ON PURETO RICO (PARA 4, REFTTEL C) MAKING CLEAR IN PROCESS THAT WE VIEW VISIT AS PART OF CUBAN EFFORT TO LINE UP EE SUPPORT FOR PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE CAUSE IN UN, DESPITE FACT THE UN HAS REPEATEDLY RECOGNIZED ISLAND'S PRESENT STATUS. STRESSED THAT GOH MUST UNDERSTAND THAT PUERTO RICAN SEPARATISM IS SENSITIVE MATTER TO U.S. AND THAT THIS IS REPEAT IS AN INTERNAL MATTER IN WHICH NEITHER GOH NOR ANY FOREIGN GOVT HAS RIGHT TO INTERFERE.

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2. FONOFF DEFENSE IS THAT GROUP HAD BEEN INVITED BY PATRIOTIC PEOPLES' FRONT, "A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION", AND COMPARED RECEPTION BY HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT TO MEETINGS BETWEEN U.S. CONGRESSMEN AND HUNGARIAN EXILE ORGANIZATIONS.

3. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT INTERNATIONALLY IT IS WELL ESTABLISHED FACT THAT PPF IS A FRONT ORGANIZATION FUNDED AND PARTIALLY MANNED BY GOH. IT IS AT LEAST SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL BODY. CERTAINLY U.S. CITIZENS OF HUNGARIAN ORIGIN CANNOT LOGICALLY BE COMPARED TO FOREIGN DELEGATIONS TRAVELLING AS GUESTS OF OFFICIAL HUNGARIAN ORGANS. MFA DESK OFFICER INFORMED THAT SPONSORSHIP HERE AND AT UN OF PR INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT AGAINST EXPRESSED WISHES OF MAJORITY OF PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE IS NOT IN CONFORMITY WITH GOH'S OFT-STATED DESIRE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH U.S. FURTHERMORE, GOH SPONSORSHIP OF THIS CAUSE UNDERMINES CREDIBILITY OF GOH'S EQUALLY OFT-EXPRESSED STATEMENT THAT ITS FOREIGN POLICY IS BASED ON NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

4. COMMENT: VERY PROBABLY THE GOH DID NOT COMPLETELY THINK THROUGH RAMIFICATIONS OF ITS SPONSORSHIP OF PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE. IT IS SEEKING TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH CUBA AND PROBABLY "BOUGHT" PUERTO RICAN PACKAGE WITHOUT QUESTIONING IT TOO MUCH. MFA OFFICIAL, WHO WAS TAKEN ABACK BY STERN EXPRESSION OF U.S. VIEWS, PROMISED TO PASS ON EMBASSY'S COMMENTS TO HIGHER AUTHORITY. WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE SOME FURTHER REACTION FROM TOPSIDE BEFORE TOO LONG. WHETHER OR NOT IT WILL BE SATISFACTORY REMAINS TO BE SEEN.
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